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Date: Monday, January 27, 1992
Time: 1:00 PM
Place: Mitchell Pau'ole Center
Kaunakakai, Molokai

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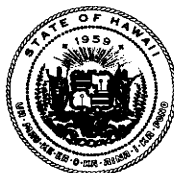
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MOLOKAI ISLAND BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING

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Kaunakakai, Molokai

ATTENDANCE:

Council: Matthew Adolpho Jr., William Akutagawa Jr., Lani Kapuni, Colette Machado, Eliza Reyes, Henry Nalaelua, Henry Ayau, Jr.

Staff: Edward Ayau, Annie Griffin, Kathy Oshiro

ABSENT: Matthew Adolpho Jr., Pearl Hodgins

I. OPENING REMARKS:

Chairperson Colette Machado called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. Henry Nalaelua offered a *pule wehe* (opening prayer).

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 26, 1991 Molokai Island Burial Council meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved with no changes or corrections. (Ayau\Reyes)

III. BUSINESS:

A. Kalaupapa Airport Reinterment Kalaupapa, Kalawao

Update: reinterment ceremony of infant remains and scattered fragments found during construction.

Henry Nalaielua informed the Council that on December 20, 1991, the infant remains were reinterred at a new location other than the one selected by the Council. Prayers were said during the ceremony, a plaque placed over the grave and covered with dirt. The outside plaque will be placed on a concrete slab at the bottom of the flagpole.

Colette Machado asked Henry where the exact location of the new site is. Nalaielua explained that the original location selected was near the tree, between the existing terminal and a standing shed. Although it was voted that all remains be buried "behind" (west of) the tree, it became obvious that the site was in an area open to public access. The burial site is now "in front" of the tree, mauka of the original location.

Nalaielua updated that the retaining wall is being finished and the cross-section work will not be done until early March.

Aunty Reyes asked why the Council members were not notified of the reburial ceremony. Machado stated that some members would liked to have attended, at their own expense. She felt that it was important that the invitation be extended to each member and arrangements made by the individual. Each one should have the opportunity to attend, their choice, to pa'a, to see it through the end.

Machado stated that the last time Council met, James Powell (Archaeological Consultants Hawai'i) was present and was asked to do an initial assessment or survey because there was a strong possibility that there were additional fragments or burials there. SHPD or Nalaielua have not heard from Powell or DOT. Nalaielua said that Powell has not been back yet.

Annie Griffin posed the question that if the test pits are done by machine, the machine would be next to the runway, and would doing test pits be possible with incoming and outgoing flights?

Motion: send letter to Department of Transportation, and Goodfellows with copies to James Powell and the

Chairperson of Kalaupapa Patients' Advisory Council, to meet with them and discuss the work planned at the proposed cross-section construction area prior to March, and suggest the idea of conducting test pits for possible discovery of skeletal remains. (Nalaelua/Ayau)

Vote: all in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

B. Mapulehu Glass House - Burial Sites Disturbance

Update: status of Attorney General's investigation due to multiple burial sites disturbance which took place six months ago including investigative procedures and lineal descendants.

Eddie Ayau informed the Council that Ms. Osborne was sent a letter which stated that she can not go back into the area because DLNR was initiating an investigation for violation of the burial law. Since that time she has called Mr. Paty and Don Hibbard saying she was mistreated by Eddie Ayau. Osborne said Ayau lied to her because he was suppose to bring over only a couple of people to a meeting and he brought everyone. Osborne claims she knows nothing of the 4 skulls that were placed in a bucket and now missing. Mr. Paty has sent Osborne a letter giving her permission to go in and cut her flowers, with conditions placed on it.

Machado is upset with a newspaper article on the Osborne case and that Osborne misrepresented the facts. Osborne also withheld the fact that this was actually discovered in May.

Machado continued that she has had to calm down a lot of angry people...angry Hawaiians. People are upset that nothing has been done on the State's end. Why are the *iwi* still exposed? Nalaelua asked if anyone has taken any action. Ayau explained that Paty and Hibbard has not seen what he has, to see the site, see the remains being disturbed. Akutagawa asked what Osborne's needs were to go into the area? There is a drip system there which could be controlled from the outside.

Machado suggested that an extensive survey should be done over the area. She reminded members that the exposed *iwi* are Council's main concern. The time spent there was not enough to get the *iwi* out.

Eddie Ayau informed the Council that Channel 9 News wanted to come to this meeting.

Discussion continued about a memo generated to Mr. Paty

regarding the approval for Osborne's use of the area. The Council feels Mr. Paty was premature in his action to allow Osborne to go back into the area without conducting a site visit. When we say cease all activities, it means exactly that. No one is to go back in until an investigation is conducted. Mr. Paty should have seen how sensitive this matter is. It is necessary to move expeditiously. Council members strongly feel that a meeting should have taken place with the Burial Council.

Ayau is to check on the protocol while Machado attempt to contact Walter Ritte regarding Paty's visit to Molokai the next day.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., February 19, 1992 at Kalaupapa.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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